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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 04284.0745-01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Tatsuya JIMMEI et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2619  
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Application No.: 10/615,925 ) Examiner: NGUYEN, Steven H. D.  
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Filed: July 10, 2003 )  
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For: NETWORK NODE APPARATUS ) Confirmation No.: 9915  
AND CONNECTION SET-UP )  
METHOD FOR SETTING UP )  
CUT-THROUGH CONNECTION )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2007, the period for response to which extending through January 30, 2008, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks** follow on the next page of this paper.

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